49 CFR Part 390

General Applicability

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) apply to all employers, employees and commercial motor vehicles transporting property or passengers in interstate/intrastate commerce.

Commercial Motor Vehicle

Any self-propelled or towed vehicle used on public highways in interstate/intrastate commerce to transport passengers or property under one of the following conditions:

- Vehicles has gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) or gross combination weight rating of 10,001 or more pounds;
- Vehicle is designed to transport more than 15 passengers, including the driver;
- Designed or used to transport more than 8 passengers (including the driver) for compensation; or
- Vehicle is used in the transportation of hazardous materials in a quantity requiring placarding under the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (HMTA) Regulations.

Exceptions to General Applicability

Transportation provided by Federal, State, Local or Congressionally approved interstate agencies are exempt from the FMCSR's. Occasional non-commercial transport, school buses, ambulance services, hearses and fire and rescue vehicle operations are also exempt.

Accident Reports

Carriers are no longer required to file accident reports MCS50-T, MCS-50B.

What is an accident?

An occurrence involving a commercial motor vehicle operating on a public road that results in at least one of the following:

- A fatality:
- Bodily injury to a person who, as a result of the injury, immediately receives medical treatment away from the scene of the accident;
- Disabling damage to one or more motor vehicles, requiring the vehicle(s) to be towed or otherwise transported from the scene by a tow truck or other vehicle.

Accident Register

For a period of one year after an accident occurs, motor carriers are required to maintain an accident register containing the following information:

- Time and place of accident;
- Driver's name
- Number of injuries and fatalities
- Hazardous materials released if any, (Other than fuel)

Motor carriers are also required to maintain copies of all accident reports required by state or other governmental entities or insurers for a period of one year after an accident occurs.

Vehicle Identification

Every commercial motor vehicle operated by a motor carrier in interstate/intrastate commerce must be marked on both sides of the vehicle with the following:

- 1. Name of motor carrier, or trade name
- 2. The city and state of it's principal place of business
- 3. The motor carrier's identification number, preceded by USDOT for interstate carriers and followed by UT for intrastate carriers.

Relief from Regulations During Emergencies

Relief from Parts 390-399 of the FMCSR's may be granted during declared emergencies to any motor carrier who provides emergency assistance.

For additional assistance contact: Utah Departmento f Transportation, Motor Carrier Division (801-965-4951) This fact sheet is intended as a resource. It is not intended to explain all requirements of Utah law. Contact our office for additional assistance. 04/00